







Bad dreams are one symptom of ill health. People generally treat such matters lightly. They believe that they are caused by the eating of something indigestible, and that this is a small matter. Perhaps sometimes it may be. The most horrible dreams are, however, due to affections of the nerves. Irritated, tired, worn out nerves are one of the chief causes of indigestion. More than that, they are a continual strain and drain on the brain. They are sapping the vitality of the brain every instant in the day. By the time night comes, the brain is too tired to rest. It is an unnatural condition of fatigue. The little worries and irritations of the day find repetition at night in the form of dirty, muddy water, filled with slimy, crawling things, from which the most frantic efforts give no relief until the sufferer finds himself wide awake, sitting up in his bed, with sleep banished for that night. That is nervousness, perhaps caused by, or causing, indigestion, and producing insomnia—sleeplessness. It doesn't take a man long to wear out with that sort of work. The day after a night of horrible dreams is not likely to be a good day for business. A man's work for that day is not likely to be very valuable—nor the woman's either.

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#### A MISPELLED TALE

A little boy said: "Mother dear, May I go out to play?"  
The mother said: "The light is clear; Ows, mother, don't say neigh!"  
"Go fourth, my son," the mother said.  
The boy said: "Take your slay."  
The mother said: "The light is clear; Ows, mother, don't say neigh!"  
"Ah, know," he cried, and sought the street.  
With heart full of glee.  
The mother changed, and snow and sleet And reign fell steadily.

Threw snowdrifts gray, threw watery pool.  
He flew with mite and mane.  
Said he: "Though I would walk by rule,  
Eye am not rite, 'tis plane."

"Eye'd like to meat sum kindly sole,  
For hear gun and danger weight.  
And yonder stairs a treacherous whole—  
Two sloe has been my gate."

"A peace of bred, a gneiss hot stake,  
Eye'd chew it if I were home.  
This crowd fads my hart wood brake—  
Eye love not thus to Rome."

"Eye, weak and pall, have mist my rode."  
But near a carte came passed.  
He and his sled were safely toad  
Back to his home at last.  
—Mrs. E. T. Corbett, in N. W. Christian Advocate.

#### INTO THE APACHE'S LAIR.

Lieut. Gatewood's Interview with Chief Geronimo in 1886.

A Mission That Required Nerve—His Life Hung in the Balance as He Walked Into the Camp of the Renegades in the Sierra Madre to Ask Their Surrender.

IN the way of a straight-out nerve and daring there is nothing in the annals of savage warfare to beat Lieut. Gatewood's exploit in entering the camp of the renegade Apaches in the campaign of 1886 to persuade them to surrender to the United States troops.

The man from Tucson was talking, and when his discourse is of Indians or frontier desperadoes the people near him in the Hoffman house office gather to listen.

"It was in the last Apache war, ten years ago, which had as its outcome the deportation of the hostile Apaches from Arizona to forts on the Atlantic coast, where they were corralled beyond the power of doing further mischief. After the renegades had surrendered, in March, 1886, to Gen. Crook, 25 of them, including Geronimo, their war chief, and Natchez, the son of the famous Cochise, slipped away by night and went again on the warpath. For five months they were at large, raiding and massacring over a region comprising 30,000 square miles of mountainous country, while 3,000 soldiers on our side of the line and as many Mexican soldiers across the border were trying to run down and intercept them. The trouble was not in fighting them—a half company of our troops could have whipped the whole band of renegades in a fair fight in an open field—but to overtake and bring them to an engagement. They knew the trails and passes and water holes of the vast mountain region in which they operated as well as a New Yorker knows the route between his house and his place of business, and, being swift and tireless runners, with no baggage to impede them, they kept up their game of hide and seek with our troops for a long time. Everywhere that they went their courses were marked by cruel murder and outrage, and every horror of Indian warfare enacted in its worst form.

"Following the appointment of Gen. Miles to the command of the department of New Mexico and Arizona the pursuit of the hostiles was carried forward with fresh vigor. Everywhere that they were likely to go the mountains were thoroughly scouted, guards were stationed at the principal water holes, and the heliograph service, then newly introduced, flashed orders to troops in the field and information of the movements of the Apaches from one peak to another, over vast areas of country. Capt. Lawton, of the Fourth cavalry, led the direct pursuit of

Geronimo's band, and gave the Indians no rest. Several times he captured their camp with its provisions, stock and munitions, but on every occasion the Apaches got away among the mountains in time to save their skins. The United States got too hot for them, and they crossed the border into Mexico. Capt. Lawton followed them, and the Indians, pursued by our troops and the Mexican troops at the same time, found themselves in a tight place.

"This was in the middle of August. It was learned through a deserter a few days later that Geronimo's band was encamped near the town of Fronteras, in the Sierra Madre, and that they were exhausted by the fatigues of their long flight, were short of food and nearly out of ammunition. The Apaches were trying to make terms with the

Mexicans on the basis of peace with them, while they should be left free to raid northward into United States territory. With Capt. Lawton's command was Lieut. C. B. Gatewood, of the Sixth cavalry, an experienced Indian fighter, who spoke the Apache language and personally knew Geronimo. He volunteered to go to the Apache camp and treat with the Indians for their surrender. With two Chiricahua scouts as companions he set out on his errand in advance of the column of soldiers. He was well acquainted with the Indian character and fully realized the appalling risk he ran in trusting himself in the Apaches' power.

"The Indians were encamped in an old abandoned Jesuit mission village, built of adobe houses, with an adobe wall about it. On arriving near the place Gatewood left his horse with the two scouts outside and walked alone into the village. At sight of him the Indians seized their guns, recognizing Geronimo among them. He laid down his carbine and beckoned to him. The chief came forward and the two sat down on a pile of stones to talk together, while the warriors waited in ominous silence for the orders of their leader. Geronimo's first emotion seemed to be of astonishment that the white man should put himself into his power, and his first words were of sinister import.

"Are you aware of the danger you run in coming into our camp?" he said. "You are foolhardy. Do you expect to leave this place alive?"

"Gatewood, knowing that his life was in the balance, answered him with perfect composure.

"Certainly, you can kill me," he said. "But would that be the act of a great chief toward one who has given him his confidence? What have you to gain by it? Our troops are coming upon you from the north and the Mexican troops have surrounded you from the south. Would you not better surrender to us than be killed or trust to the mercy of the Mexicans?"

"The conversation thus begun led by degrees to the subject of capitulation. Geronimo, at first resentful and suspicious toward all whites, gradually came around to the views of his visitor, who, knowing the Indian's character, plied him with a judicious mixture of flattery, intimidation and appeals to his self-interest. Gatewood was empowered to offer no terms but unconditional surrender, with the agreement that the prisoners should not be murdered by the soldiers. Gen. Miles, he said, would decide all matters of that sort when Geronimo should meet him.

The chief was very anxious to learn all he could about Gen. Miles, whom he had never seen.

"Is he a large man, and how does he carry himself?" "Has he a bright eye or a dull eye?" "Does he talk slow or fast?" were some of the questions that he asked. Lieut. Gatewood replied that Gen. Miles had a bright eye and did not talk much, but that what he said could be relied on.

"As the conversation proceeded the officer could see that Geronimo was becoming pleased and was beginning to regard with favor the overtures for his surrender, and the feelings of their chief were reflected in the faces of his gaunt and hungry warriors.

"To-morrow, on your assurance that I shall come and go in safety, I will go to Capt. Lawton and talk with him," said Geronimo at last. "You shall take this message to him that he may expect me."

"This closed the interview and Lieut. Gatewood walked out of the camp with his mission accomplished, where an hour before there was a far greater prospect that he would lose his life. Next day Geronimo had a talk with Capt. Lawton, with the result that he agreed to go northward with him to come around to the views of his visitor. They started the next day, Geronimo's band and Capt. Lawton's command marching in parallel lines, and often camping very near each other at night. After marching in this manner 11 days they met, at Skeleton canyon, Gen. Miles, who had started from Fort Bowie, and there Geronimo and Natchez, with their band of followers, surrendered unconditionally to him with the single condition that their lives be spared. Geronimo, Natchez and two warriors were driven in an ambulance to Fort Bowie, the nearest railway station, the others following on foot. From Fort Bowie they were sent east to Fort Pickens. A little later all of the Chiricahua and Warm Springs Apaches remaining on the San Carlos reservation were deported to Fort Marion in Florida, and the southwestern country, for the first time in its history, was freed from the terrors of Apache warfare."—N. Y. Sun.

"Two Ways of Doing It."—"Godfrey, there are six families down the street here that are suffering for food and fuel. I am going to look after them. Come along." "Scorje! I haven't time. I've got to attend a meeting that has been called for the purpose of taking measures for the relief of the destitute."—Chicago Tribune.

THE INTERVIEW.

**Fiercest of Beasts.**  
The black leopard is admitted to be the most savage and intractable of all quadrupeds. The horrible black leopard Death, in Eugene Sue's "Wandering Jew," who was followed about by a loathsome Englishman, anxious to see him eat his tamer, is declared not to be a scrap overdrawn. He hates the whole world and wants to fight it, to gnaw it, to tear it to rags and splinters; and he is staring, dancing mad because he can't get at the world to do it. He lies there, black and deadly, his yellow eyes ablaze, ready to pounce on you—if only those bars suddenly melt away! But those bars suddenly melt away! No nearer. They don't melt and you come no nearer. Then he flings himself at the bars with a yell and flies up and down and over and over about his cage like nothing but a black leopard with about 3,000 seidlitz powders, swallowed separately and suddenly effervescing all together, inside him.

**Good One on the Cyclist.**  
A young American who was bicycling in southern France was pushing his wheel up a steep hill, when he overtook a peasant with a donkey cart who was rapidly becoming stalled, though the little donkey was doing his best. The benevolent wheelman, putting his left hand against the back of the cart and guiding his wheel with the other, pushed so hard that the donkey, taking fresh courage, pulled his load up to the top successfully. The summit reached, the peasant burst into thanks to his benefactor. "It was very good of you, monsieur," he said. "I should never in the world have got up the hill with only one donkey!"

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The six weeks' revival in the Baptist church at Pontiac, added thirty-six new members. Dr. Sheppardson, the "wheel chair evangelist," and wife, conducted the meetings.

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Garrett Messman, of Topeka, had a finger bitten off by a hog that he was butchering.

George B. Andrews, who was warden of the Colorado penitentiary, died at Danville, aged 59.

Johanna Lehman, aged 75, died in Pike township, Livingston county, at the home of her son-in-law, Jos. Vercler.

Ducks and geese are flying northward along the Illinois river—a sure sign that the "backbone" of winter is broken.

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3 dozen Men's Black Cheviot Suits, price \$3.00—for this sale..... \$3.75  
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6 dozen Men's All Wool Pants, all colors, in heavy weight, price \$2.75—for this sale..... 1.98  
4 dozen Heavy Cottonade Pants, price \$1.00—for this sale..... .75c  
5 dozen Men's fine Outing Flannel Nightgowns, price \$1.50—for this sale..... .40c  
5 dozen Men's Muslin Gowns, fancy bosom and cuffs, for this sale..... .40c  
25 dozen Men's Outing Flannel Overalls, full size, at..... .25c

#### Shoe Department.

We just received a new line of Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, which we will sell for this sale at a Great Bargain.

36 pair Ladies' Dongola Button Shoe, price \$1.75 and \$2.00, for this sale..... \$1.19  
36 pair Boys' Fine Calf Skin Shoe, razor toe, price \$1.50, for this sale..... .75c  
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Flannel Nightgowns, price \$1.50—for this sale..... 75c  
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Line of Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, which we  
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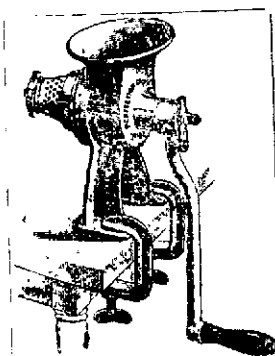
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#### LOCAL NEWS.

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Look at the ladies' \$1.75 shoes in Powers' shoe store front window.—17-43t

A bicycle show will be held in Danville Feb. 25, 26 and 27.

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Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21dt

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W. C. Pluck makes a specialty in fine wall paper. See him at No. 109 East North street before you buy.—16-43t

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Decatur Steam Bakery bread and McKinney's St. Louis bread at the Economy.—17-43t

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Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house. One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Fred Reeder, a well known farmer in Hollis township, Peoria county, has for several years past raised buckwheat on his farm, and has been increasing that farm product largely the past two years. Last fall he raised and had ground 5000 pounds of buckwheat flour and has disposed of it all.

The Wabash has no reason to complain of tight business as compared with its competitors, as business with the road is now at near its maximum. The road is hauling east daily from 325 to 350 loaded cars, and on Sunday it reached 316 loaded cars eastbound. As with other roads, its westbound business is disappointing.

An organization of farmers has been effected in one of the townships of Kane county to resist the payment of taxes levied for the purpose of building and sustaining a high school. Some of them live three miles from the proposed school and have no interest in its construction. The case will come before the county court.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway; old phone 433, new phone 435. M. E. Metz.—21-43t

The oldest person whose parents were born in Illinois is said to be Supervisor A. C. Scroggin of Mt. Pulaski. He was born May 14, 1842. His father, L. K. Scroggin, was born in Gallatin county, near Shawneetown, Jan. 25, 1819, and his mother, Lavona Buckles-Scroggin, was born April 30, 1836, four miles west of Mt. Pulaski, in what was then a part of Sangamon county. His grandparents were married in Illinois territory. Thus Mr. Scroggin antedates and wears the honor heretofore held by Judge Creighton of Springfield, who was born in 1845.

Two Lives Saved.  
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result every thing else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which there are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

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Statement for the Year's Work—Mrs. W. F. Busher is President.

At the annual meeting of the board of the Anna B. Millikin Home and Macon County Industrial School held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Busher, these officers were elected:

President—Mrs. W. F. Busher.  
First Vice President—Mrs. Frank Wells.  
Second Vice President—Mrs. Robert Baker.

Third Vice President—Mrs. I. A. Buckingham.  
Treasurer—Mrs. A. T. Hill.  
Secretary—Leopold Johnson.

Financial Showing.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Hill, makes this showing for the year: Receipts, cash on hand at last report, \$563.49; received from Macon county, \$1268.03; from board for inmates, \$699.00; rent of stable, \$26.50; cash donations, \$13.35. Total, \$3490.97. Expenditures: For Erring Woman's Refuge, \$676; supplies, including fuel, \$467.71; matron and assistance, \$479.31; painting and repairs, \$238.56; telephone, \$18; treatment of infant's eyes, \$25; transportation to Chicago, \$13.45; placed to account of new building fund, \$178.50; total, \$2093.43. Cash balance on hand, \$397.54.

Secretary's Statement.

In her annual report Leopold Johnson, the home secretary, says: The managers have held twelve regular and five special meetings. While the work has gone along so quietly, much has been done to help and relieve those in distress. During the year fourteen have been in the industrial school. One was sent to the Erring Woman's refuge in Chicago, and one to the state reform school. One who was placed in a home has been married. Two are in the school now and the rest have been placed in good homes. Eleven little girls have been taken good care of and sent to school by their mothers, who are employed, paying a small sum for their care. Eight babies have been cared for. One was sent to a good home in New York, one has a good home in this city, and the rest were taken home by relatives. Seventeen old ladies have found a comfortable home with us. Six have boarded for a short time, three are permanent boarders, two are given a home without compensation and three are boarded there by the county. This does not include a great many women, old and young, who have been given shelter for a night or two. The donations to the home for the year have been liberal in the way of clothing, food and a great many household things. Only one death occurred at the home for the year, that of Grandma Todd, in her 97th year. There is great need for a larger and better home, for the president, Mrs. Busher, has a request every day for a place for some old lady or child. The family now numbers eleven girls, nine old ladies, one baby, the matron and assistant. The managers gave a dinner last November at which \$205 was cleared and then in December gave the society minuet, netting them \$410.50. They desire to thank all who took part in the entertainment, the newspapers for their free advertising and to all who in any way helped make these entertainments successful. The building fund was \$821.50. At the last meeting of the board they voted enough money from the home fund to make this \$1000 to be placed at interest. The managers feel much encouraged.

TRIAL AT MACON.

German Snyder Convicted of Jumping On a Train.

Constable Willoughby brought a prisoner to Decatur last night from Macon and lodged him in the county jail in accordance with the finding of a jury in a justice's court. German Snyder is the name of the man, who was arrested on a state warrant for jumping on a train on the Illinois Central railroad. He committed the act yesterday and the warrant was placed in the hands of the constable. Snyder is a young farmer and has a family. He was sentenced to imprisonment for twelve hours and fined \$6 and costs.

Bread, Bread, Bread.

We are now making the finest and best bread in the city, notwithstanding the Second Day Bread from St. Louis, that is being sold by some grocers at 5c per loaf straight for 10c. Our bread for sale at all grocery stores that handle bread, 3 10 ounce loaves for 10c, or 24 ounces for 5c, and fresh. Take your choice and be convinced. 17-46 The Decatur Cracker Co.

At the Y. M. C. A.

Next Tuesday evening the Y. M. C. A. will give a reception to the members of the Christian Endeavor and young people's societies of the city.

Some improvements are being made in the association rooms. The baths in the gymnasium are being repaired and some additions have been made to the game rooms.

Funeral of William Craycroft.  
The funeral of the late William Craycroft was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence in Riverside place. The funeral was in charge of Ionia Lodge, No. 312, A. F. and A. M., and the services were conducted by Rev. D. F. Bower. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Receiver Appointed.

The wholesale grocery house of Means Brothers, Gray & Co., at Bloomington, is now in the hands of a receiver. The liabilities are \$31,000; assets, \$78,000, including the stock of goods valued at \$40,000.

#### The Turner's Ball.

The members of the Turner society held a masquerade ball last evening at their hall. There was a large attendance and many handsome costumes were worn by the guests. The committee in charge was composed of Frank Reinstorf, Henry Metz, Harry Schlaudeman, F. W. Klipp, P. Halmbacher, J. W. Weiland, W. Steinbach, William Bold, T. Sherer, G. A. Ahrens, Karl Walters, William Blank and E. E. Kuny.

Will of Thomas Lord.

The last will of the late Thomas Lord was filed for probate in the county court Wednesday. The estate consists of 700 acres of fine land in Macon county, residence property at the corner of West Decatur and Col lege streets valued at \$10,000, and other personal property worth \$6000. All of the property is bequeathed to a daughter of the deceased, Mrs. J. S. C. Cussine, the only child. There are no debts. Everything is clear.

Clark County Delegates.

The following gentlemen were selected as a mass Republican convention held at Marshall yesterday to represent Clark county in the judicial convention to be held in Decatur on Feb. 24: W. T. Hollenbeck, Hon. F. W. Booth, P. H. Yant, Ogden Fraker, J. W. Lewis of Marshall; Charles Shuey of Westfield, Frank Craig of Darwin, G. W. Parker, of Casey, and Edgar Summers of Martinsville. The delegates will come to Decatur without instructions.

Matrimonial.

In the county court Wednesday Judge Hammer united in marriage Silas R. Nowlin and Miss Pearl A. Rau, both of Austin township. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Nowlin were in attendance at the wedding.

Ernest Potrafski and Miss Tillie Nodou were married at the residence of the bride's uncle, John Sharitzky, 709 North Woodford street at 5 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, the ceremony being performed by Rev. William Heyne. The attendants were Albert Burt and Miss Amelia Sontowski. The groom is a resident of Tolono. He will take his bride to that city tonight and on Friday night the couple will be tendered a reception by the groom's mother. The groom is a brother-in-law of Officer Ed Koshenski, of the city police force.

The Last Seance.

The last of a series of seances or spiritualistic sittings and inquiries was given last night at the home of Mrs. James W. Haworth in the presence of a company of thirty people by Mr. and Mrs. H. Pettibone, the mediums, who left today for St. Louis. The cabinet was set up in plain view of the company and the medium sat in front of it, both hands being held by people selected from the audience. Soon white hands appeared and wrote messages on plates, which the people said they recognized. Mrs. Frank Beall said she recognized her husband's writing. V. Barber got a message signed "mother." Thomas Kizer got two, one written in short hand and the other printed, supposedly by an Indian chief. The most wonderful thing shown during the evening was a woman's arm thrust from the cabinet with fine lace around the wrist. Mrs. Haworth said it was the same as that about the wrist of her sister when buried.

Marriage Licenses.

Doak Neblock, Decatur, 23.  
Frankie Earlywine, Decatur, 18.  
John D. Watkins, Country, 24.  
Myrtle V. Neiman, Country, 23.  
Oscar H. Quiblet, Long Creek, 23.  
Luella McDonald, Long Creek, 18.  
J. W. Falk, Oakley, 23.  
Carrie Erwin, Jasper county, 20.  
William Baughman, Decatur, 21.  
John Pyle, Decatur, 19.  
Emanuel Patrafski, Tolono, 30.  
Ottillie Nadshin, Decatur, 23.  
Ulysses S. Friend, Decatur, 26.  
Anna Bailey, Decatur, 24.  
Marion Burkhead, Dalton City, 29.  
Katie Chestnut, Mt. Zion, 23.  
Silas R. Nowlin, Austin township, 21.  
Pearl A. Rau, Austin township, 19.  
Richard E. Travis, Long Creek, 21.  
Rachel M. Thompson, Long Creek, 16.  
Fred. K. Schwab, Jr., Friends Creek, 22.  
Ida Jones, Friends Creek, 26.  
Otis Veech, Sangamon, 23.  
Essa Rischer, Sangamon, 23.  
William B. Funk, Oakley, 22.  
Nettie F. Siliz, Oakley, 22.

Sales of Real Estate.

George A. Corey to John W. Corey, quit claim deed to lot 4 in block 1 in First Rolling Mill addition to Decatur, \$1.  
Henry E. Farnam to Rachael M. Cooley, lots 4 and 5 in block 1 of the estate of the late Sarah E. White at Natick, \$625.  
John Williams to Isabella and C. R. Foster, 40 feet off of the west side of lot 1 in John Williams' addition to Decatur, \$1.  
Charles R. Foster to O. B. Gerin, lot 10 in block 11 in Walnut Grove addition, \$200.  
W. E. Redmon to Phoebe E. Clem, lot 28 in block 3 in Montgomery & Shull's second addition to Decatur, \$1800.  
D. E. Brooks to C. R. Foster, lot 10, in block 11 in Walnut Grove addition to Decatur, \$1.  
Ably M. Nelson to Phoebe J. Lancaster, lot 8 in block 25 in Railroad addition to Macon, \$500.  
Hortie T. Leeper to Lawrence Tankersley, the south half of the northeast quarter of 1, 14, 1 east, \$5200.  
Laura E. Tankersley to John B. Matthew, the west sixty feet of lot 6 in C. S. Lewis' first addition to the village of Blue Mound, \$3400.  
Philip G. Johnson et al to Oliver Gibson, quit claim deed to the southwest quarter of section 15, 14, 2 east, \$1.

#### SEATS FOR "THE BROWNIES."

The Great Production at the Grand Opera House Saturday Night.

Seats are now on sale at the opera house drug store for C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger's big production "Palmer Cox's Brownies," which will be seen for the first time in Decatur at the Grand opera house on Saturday night. The enormous successful extravaganza, which will be directed here in person by Mr. Cox himself, abounds in spectacular effects, and the way in which the intricate scenic changes are effected is nothing short of marvelous. There are twelve scenes, comprising seventy-two hanging pieces, in "The Brownies." The first shows the electrical cavern of mystery, in which a deep plot is laid to frustrate the happiness of the Brownies and Fays. This changes to the palace courtyard of Queen Titania in festal attire, one of the most dazzlingly beautiful scenes ever presented in spectacle. Then in turn come the thrilling storm at sea, in which the Brownies are seen toiling on a raft; the shipwreck, and rescue of the Brownie duke by the colossal seahorse; Dragonel's country of weird enchantments, in which the novel scene is made upon illuminated mandolins to the talking moon occurs; the magnificent palace that is destroyed in an instant by the realistic earthquake and volcano; the glittering mines of fabulous riches, and others quite as remarkable, culminating in the grand transformation scene, "The Break of Day in Brownland." Fully 100 people will be in the gorgeous production, and among the novel specialty features will be found the wonderful flying ballet, from the Folies Bergeres, Paris, that is danced in mid-air; the Oriental ballet of beautiful women; the phenomenal feats of the Borani, demon-acrobats from the Paris hippodrome; the novel musical act of Newhouse and Waffle, European acrobatics, etc. The same organization and scenic equipment witnessed in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and other large cities will be brought here intact on a special train over the Wabash.

#### A PLAY AND DANCE.

The Uniform Rank Entertainment Last Night at K. of P. Hall.

The officers and members of Decatur Division No. 36, Uniform Rank, gave an enjoyable entertainment and dance last night at Knights of Pythias hall. The hall was crowded. The announcements were made by Major Danrow and all members of the rank were in uniform. Maxwell's orchestra played an overture. Olga Kock gave a violin solo, and Will Kock and Miss Agnes Perl gave piano solos. All were applauded. Then came the one-act comedy, "Murder Will Out," which was cleverly presented by Miss Maud McCune, Clara Kock, Mrs. Kock, Lena Childs, Mrs. Simeral, Miss Tichnor, Mrs. F. O. Danrow and Mrs. Barley. The characters were in costume. The play afforded general amusement. The dance followed. Those who did not care to dance engaged in card games in the lodge room where members of the ladies' assembly served refreshments. The rank and ladies are under many obligations to all who contributed to the success of the entertainment.

#### Dangers in Food Supplies.

A lecturer on cooking the other day made the surprising statement that the asylums are being filled with country people in much greater proportions than city people, mainly because they were more careless in regard to their food. While a diet of fat meats may be more characteristic of people living in rural districts there are other dangers just as insidious to which the residents of the big cities are subject. Scientific research in every day emphasizing the fact that man is what he eats. Probably there have been no more active advocates of pure food than the manufacturers of Royal Baking Powder. The vigorous campaign against adulterations carried on by them was no doubt due in a large part to the fact that in scarcely any other division of food supplies are harmful ingredients used lavishly as in the compounding of baking powders. The absolute purity of the Royal has become in the nature of an axiom, and its proprietors are naturally disposed to spread broadcast the doctrine of pure food. It has been claimed, without contradiction, that no other article of human food has ever received so many emphatic endorsements from the highest authorities.—Journal of Health.

#### Court of Honor.

A regular meeting of Decatur district Court of Honor, No. 39, will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the G. A. R. hall. L. H. Clark, worthy chancellor, J. M. Blythe, recorder.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1897.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Generally fair to night and Friday; slight change in temperature with variable winds.

## The City Convention.

The Republican city central committee at its meeting last night called the city convention for the evening of March 31 and the primaries for the 30th, the polls to open at 5 p. m. and close at 8 p. m. At the hour when the polls close the voters of each ward, being assembled for that purpose, will organize a convention and nominate a candidate for alderman and select delegates to represent the ward in the city convention.

The Republican fully endorses this plan because it gives every Republican in the city a means of expressing his choice of candidates to be voted for at the city election. The largest number of Republican voters in any ward in the city is in the Sixth ward which has 319 votes. The polls will be open from 5 p. m. until 8 p. m., which gives ample time for every voter to express his will freely and any Republican who fails to do this has only himself to blame and in all good logic is barred from complaining that things have not been done right; that good men were not nominated for city office. The hour is fixed when the Republican voters of the ward may assemble, organize their ward convention and nominate a candidate for alderman. Every Republican voter, good citizens and bad, if there are any, know, when 8 o'clock comes and can be present and take part in naming a nominee for alderman. If any voter fails to take advantage of these liberties, no matter how good, or how leading, or how representative a citizen he may reckon himself to be, he is no good as a helper in making things better and is barred from making complaint. In a republican form of government like this, in the language of Tom Watson such a voter is simply "a wart on a leg."

The way to bring about better conditions in city government, or county government, or in the federal government is to begin, where too many of our "leading" or so-called representative citizens are never found—at the primaries. When the party organization provides means for every voter to express his preferences, as the committee in this case has done, there can be no grounds for complaint except as to the citizen who refuses to accept these opportunities to exercise the power of his citizenship.

The plan adopted by the city central committee could be improved upon in but one way, which the Republican has long advocated, and which it hopes may sometimes be adopted, and which has been successfully employed in many counties in the state. It is this: That instead of a candidate receiving the support of all the delegates in a political division such as a ward, precinct or township, on the plurality plan, that the delegates should be apportioned according to the vote cast at the primary. Thus if any such division was entitled to 6 delegates in a convention and there were two candidates for the same office voted for at the primaries and one received 300 votes and the other 100 votes the first would have two-thirds of the delegates while the other would have one-third. This is eminently fair. There can be no trickery connected with it for the popular vote is carried up with the delegates to the convention from every precinct. It means that every candidate who gets any votes worth counting gets some delegates in the convention. This plan has been pursued in McLean county for many years and has been so satisfactory that it has become a fixed principle in their politics and is never discussed by the central committee. It is the unwritten law. Once adopted and put into practice so that all can understand it this plan would become the unwritten law in Macon county and in the city of Decatur.

But until our Republicans can be brought to the point of accepting this proportionate representation plan the one adopted by the central committee last night for our primaries is the best, as it gives every voter the liberty of expression free and untrammelled, and preserves the integrity of precinct representation in the convention which is not true where the total plurality at the primaries in the city or county nominates in which case one unfair primary might determine what the ticket should be.

## The Sultan Holds the Key.

Chicago Times-Herald: It is probable that the principal scene of action in the Cretan controversy will soon be moved from Crete to Constantinople. The Turk is not a negligible quantity, as his defiance of the strongest of the powers in the last two years has shown. He is a "big black bounding boggler, but a fust-

rate fightin' man," and it is not to be supposed that he will accept with complacency the sudden cession to his hereditary enemies of a valuable domain that the race has held by the sword for nearly 300 years. If it is true, as the well-informed suspect, that both Russia and England are disposed to let Greece work her own sweet will with Crete, the sultan is still to be considered, and, what is more to the point, the Mohammedan fanatic is to be considered.

We must remember that the whole series of catastrophes reported from the east has been but an acute expression of the perpetual warfare of the two irreconcilable religions. It was fanaticism that served the arms of the soldiers of the sultan, and it was fanaticism that spurred the Cretan mountaineers to slay the Turks. The eastern races have been moving toward the brink of a great religious war for a number of years, and so widespread has the insurgent feeling of the Mohammedans become that fear of exciting mutiny in the Indian army has played no unimportant part in staying England's vengeance on the sultan.

It is this half-trigger condition in the east that has made Greece's unexpected movement a source of grave anxiety to every power of Europe. The outbreak was bound to occur soon or late, but the general expectation was that it would be postponed till the spring, and that Macedonia would apply the torch. The Greek government appears to have had this probability in mind, for two weeks ago the establishment of a permanent camp at Thessalonica was reported. The Duke of Sparta was to take command.

Greece is more than eager for the fray, while the Turkish people are not at all loath to fling out the banner of Islam and proclaim holy war against the Glorious. Thus the sultan, himself a fanatic, is placed between fear of the loss of his throne, for this must be the inevitable result of a war, and fear of assassination at the hands of the faithful, the latter emotion is apt to be all powerful with a man who has lived in the midst of alarms for twenty years.

The next decisive word will come from Constantinople, and it would be far from surprising if it should be an appeal to the millions of Mussulmans in all parts of the world to rise and make a last stand for the faith of Mahomet the prophet.

A smoke stack of 175 feet high and 7 feet 3 inches in diameter made of steel plate and weighing 90,000 pounds has just been constructed by a Philadelphia firm for use in Japan in connection with an electric light plant in that empire. It will be shipped to San Francisco and from thence to Japan.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.  
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good they can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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Corn has been selling for 18½ cents in the last week at Foodland, the buyers there having been given a rate of 11 cents to Baltimore.

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## Around Home.

Delaney Bros., of Niantic, bought horses here Thursday.

Hon. D. P. Keller, of Moweaqua, was here visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Right.

Billy Haden, of Sullivan, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Misses Maggie Mulvey and Katie Dugan went to Strassburg to attend a dance.

Miss Anna Hines, of Mt. Zion, visited friends here last week.

Miss Anna Brennan visited friends here last week.

Harmon Metz, of Bethany, was here last week.

B. F. Miller and son Frankie visited Decatur Thursday.

Billy Varner was a business visitor at Hampton Thursday.

Mike Grace did business in Livingston and Sullivan Thursday and Friday.

There was a good social dance at Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vollmer's Thursday evening. All reported a good time. Music was furnished by John Taylor's orchestra.

Joseph Hagerty and wife transacted business in Sullivan Friday.

George Goodman, of Livingston, transacted business here Wednesday.

Jerry McCaughey is the general agent for Mike McCarthy in the implement business.

Mrs. W. D. E. McClure of this place was in St. Louis to visit her husband and son Elmer.

Alva Armstrong and wife, of Bethany, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mayes Sunday.

Peter Davis, of Mt. Zion, visited friends here Sunday.

Ida Bradley of this place is clerking for A. S. Clark in his store.

Miss Katie Kelly, of Decatur, is visiting friends here.

Ed Vollmer visited Decatur Monday.

Bon Aubert, of Decatur, is doing the brick work on C. A. Rouse's new house.

S. W. and Charley Evans were on our streets Tuesday on their way to the West-dick sale.

Our grain dealers are having a recess this week on account of the bad condition of the roads.

There is some talk of T. E. Mayes building a large brick drug store here this spring.

William Clark has returned home from St. Mary's hospital.

Frankie Miller, who has been on the sick list, is better.

J. W. Loving has a sick child.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cole, last week, a son.

Dave Doser shipped a car load of hogs to Indianapolis last week.

George Robit is working for Richard McCarthy in his blacksmith shop.

Rev. Father McGowan was on our streets Tuesday.

Pete Murphy is assisting Billy Varner in the dray business.

Constable James Berry did business in Sullivan Tuesday.

W. M. Lovell transacted business in Bethany Tuesday.

Al Best, son of William Best, preached his first sermon in the U. B. church last Saturday evening. There was not standing room in the church that evening.

Niantic.

On Friday last Mrs. Anna M. Stout suffered a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. She is very low and no hope of her recovery is entertained. Her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Rogers, of Belleville, Ind., was sent for and is now with her.

The funeral obsequies of Mrs. John Hill, who died in Missouri, will be conducted at the M. E. church on Wednesday by Rev. Mr. Carter, the pastor.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barber Chapman died last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jett died last Saturday evening.

J. P. Paris has been quite ill of asthma but is improving.

Elder Eusebio has been chosen pastor of the Christian church for another year.

Mrs. Mary Foster, who has been ill for more than a month, is better.

Mr. R. V. Mallory, of Decatur, was here this week looking after the interests of the Republican.

Frank Andrews, of Clinton, visited his father-in-law, John Cassel, last week.

Samuel Miller, of Springfield, is here to see his grandmother, Mrs. Anna M. Stout.

Newton Bunday, state evangelist of the Christian church, will preach here this week.

Prof. Lockhart has recovered and has resumed his school duties.

Miss Bertha Chamberlain spent Sunday in Decatur.

C. A. Hall, who sold his town residence to Robert Moore, will remove to his farm near Niantic March 1, and Mr. Moore will come to his new home.

Macon.

Mrs. M. A. Bradley, superintendent of the Macon and Eastern Star Orphan's Home, made a business trip to Chicago Saturday.

R. H. Woodcock left Wednesday evening for Huntsville, Ala. to look at the country and visit friends.

J. A. Montgomery, of this city, and H. C. Montgomery of Decatur, went to St. Louis Sunday on business.

Wm. Wilson returned Wednesday from a visit in Alabama and Mississippi.

E. L. Hight, B. A. Schudel, M. D. Alexander and A. B. Brasher were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will give a social in the Presbyterian annex Wednesday evening, Feb. 24.

The Christian Endeavor society gave a pound social at the Presbyterian annex Tuesday night. Quite a supply of groceries and clothing were received which will be distributed among the poor of the city. The Endeavorers here have been doing quite a lot of charity work this winter.

Miss Lena Ruby, of Chicago, is the guest of Miss Ethel Hapson for a few days.

The road leading eastward from Peoria is covered with water and ice to the depth of two feet or more for a distance of three-quarters of a mile on the Tazewell side of the river.

## IT MAGNIFIES ODORS.

Peculiar Invention Which Acts as a Microscope in Detecting Smells.

Among the latest inventions, says the St. Louis Republic, is a machine which will take a liquid that has heretofore been regarded as odorless and distill the most delicate perfume. A drop of perfume or essence placed on the receiver will, on applying the nostril to the nosepiece or opening, produce an overpowering stench that would in a very short time if continued cause symptoms of suffocation. The instrument can be utilized in nearly every walk of life. To the grocer it will prove invaluable in detecting adulterations of goods. The chemist, druggist and physician, of course, can find ready use for it in their business, while it has been suggested that bank paper can be impregnated with a special odor imperceptible to the ordinary sense of smell, but which could readily be detected by the scentograph, thus greatly lessening the liability of banks to fraudulent operators. It is also claimed for the machine that it will become popular in the homes of the wealthy, for by the aid of its mechanism the atmosphere of a large mansion can be kept constantly permeated with a most delicate and choice perfume at a nominal expense. For hospital and sick rooms its service will prove inestimable. The machine itself is a small affair, about 12 inches square and eight inches high. It is made of wood, and the opening where the nostrils are applied is nickel-plated.

## INDIAN TRADITION.

What the Natchez Indians Believe About Sun Worship.

The strange legendary tradition among the Natchez Indians concerning the descent of their royal family from the sun is thus partly explained by Le Page du Pratz in his "Histoire de la Louisiane." He had questioned an old man of the nation, keeper of the Natchez temple in which was kept burning constantly their "sacred fire," asking him whence the Natchez people had come originally. "The tradition" (l'ancienne parole), replied the keeper of the temple, "does not tell of the land from which we came; all that it teaches us is that our forefathers came to this land, followed the sun and came with him from where he rises; that they were a long time on their journey, were on the point of dying, all of them, and that they found themselves carried into this country without looking for it. Do not ask me more concerning this thing," said the keeper, "for the tradition says nothing more on the subject, and no old man will tell you more than what I have told you." Does this imply a flight of a surviving band of mound builders from the east of the United States, or is it an obscure and distorted tradition of the march of the children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt to the promised land, led on their weary journey through the wilderness by the mystical pillar of fire and fed in their extremity with manna from Heaven?

## ANCIENT WRITING ON A ROCK.

Prehistoric Hieroglyphics Discovered in Vancouver Island.

During a recent hazardous journey to the unexplored interior of Vancouver Island L. W. Laing, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London, made a discovery which will excite the curiosity of students and scientists throughout the world. The explorers were crossing Great Central lake, the largest body of fresh water on the island, with a length of 30 miles, when the curious markings upon the face of a giant rock attracted Mr. Laing's attention. The canoes were stopped and investigation disclosed that a message had been left there by some prehistoric dwellers along the lake, says the New York Sun. The hieroglyphics forming the inscription were arranged in five parallel lines, somewhat similar to a musical staff, while above were figures, apparently intended for a log of wood and a growing tree. A third figure placed at the right hand resembled nothing so much as a seven-branched candlestick. The impression, despite the fact that centuries must have passed since it was chiseled, remain clear and distinct. Photographs were taken of the rock and sketches made of the inscription. They have been sent, among others, to Dr. Franz Boaz, of the Smithsonian institution, who is now studying them.

## Polite to a Degree.

A lady was entertaining at dinner quite informally an old clergyman and a few relatives. The children were allowed to come in with the dessert. On rising from the table the latter stood aside to allow the white-haired priest to leave the room in advance. He, however, pushing the youngsters through the doorway, said, laughingly: "Angels first!" Glancing next at the hostess, as if inviting her to precede him, he was met by a wave of the hand from the latter, who said, with great promptness: "Saints next!"

## Cats as Clocks.

With a little practice you can easily tell the time by looking into a cat's eyes. Often when the Chinese want to know what o'clock it is they will run to the nearest cat, open her eyes and at once tell what time it is. This they do by observing the size of the aperture of the pupil of the eye, which they have discovered is of varying size at different hours of the day, being affected by the position of the sun and the character of light, even when the day is cloudy.

## A Himalayan Settlement.

Rupshu, a district on the north slope of the Himalayas, 15,000 feet above sea level and surrounded by mountains from 3,000 to 5,000 feet higher, has a permanent population of 500 persons, who live in goat-hair tents all the year round. Water freezes there every night, but no snow falls on account of the dryness of the air. The people are shepherds, and dress in pajamas and a long cloak, wearing an additional cloak in unusually cold weather.

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pupil, she was utterly unable to get  
any certain information on that point.  
Jim dared tell nobody for fear of the  
threatened squeeze from Bill, and al-  
though she saw Bill often—at the mite  
societies and other simple social func-  
tions of the Corners—and the two  
talked freely on most topics, Bill was en-  
tirely uncommunicative with regard to  
Jim.

In the meantime, the whole neigh-  
borhood was mightily moved because  
of the evident conquest that had been  
made by the schoolma'am of the big  
western foreman of the Barkley estate.  
Once he was carefully rallied by the  
postmaster about the girl, but the re-  
sponse was so unsatisfactory to the  
official that he did not repeat the ex-  
periment, and, acting under his advice,  
all others forbore. It was generally  
agreed, however, that if Miss Moore,

caused no end of talk, in which the  
minister's wife, however, had been  
careful not to join. For a different  
reason Miss Moore had said little or  
nothing about the missing man to any-  
one. But the minister, not knowing of  
his wife's letter, and man-like, being  
blind to the entire situation, had a  
good deal to say about it. Bill had  
talked more to the "Elder" than to any  
other man of the Corners, and the good  
minister was badly cut up by the disap-  
pearance. At the dinner table on the  
Sunday after its occurrence he had  
started to rehearse all the Corners  
theories regarding it in a conversation  
with the schoolma'am. Before he had  
finished she excused herself from the  
table on plea of a headache, leaving  
the minister with his wife, who seemed  
unaccountably indignant. She then  
briefly but pointedly enlightened her  
spouse on the sentimental side of the  
situation and explained about her let-  
ter, after which the minister, for the  
first time in his life, expressed himself  
with great distinctness as an ardent  
dissenter from his wife's policy, and  
declared that he should do all in his power  
to undo what she had done. It was  
greatly to his joy, therefore, that he



"STAND STILL, JIM SIMMONS"

who was deservedly popular with every-  
body, "took up with Bill Miller it would  
be a mistake and a burning shame,"  
though no one dared say so to her face.

Perhaps the minister's wife was more  
worried about it than anyone else, for  
she saw the schoolma'am every day  
and shrewdly divined that she thought  
as often of Bill as he did of her. Finally  
the worthy woman's worryment became  
so great that, after much thought, she  
wrote a remarkable and much under-  
scored letter to Bill. It ran thus:

"My Dear Mr. Miller—I'm sure you will  
not misunderstand me when I say that  
your attentions to Miss Moore are causing  
a good deal of talk. There is so much of  
this talk that I think you ought to be fully  
informed about it. Miss Moore is a really  
lovely girl; a girl with education and with  
fine prospects. Without being too frank,  
I think I may say that she ought to marry  
a man of culture and position—a man with



"HE'LL BE THERE," SAID THE MAN, STRAIGHTENING UP.

more money than you, for instance, are  
ever likely to have. Now, my dear Mr.  
Miller, I am certain you will not feel hurt  
by my writing so plainly, for I am sure you  
esteem Miss Moore far too much to take  
offense at anything that is calculated to  
be of benefit to her. I will not say any more  
in this letter, but I hope you'll see at once  
what course a man who feels toward her  
as you do, ought to take. And I am sure  
you will take it. Very sincerely yours,  
"(MRS.) MARY JOHNSON."

"There," she said, as she posted it,  
"that's a strange letter, maybe, but  
it's a strange man, and it's a strange  
thing for a girl like Alice Moore to be  
thinking about him. It will have its  
effect, I think."

And so it did, for Bill was not seen  
around Barkley's Corners on the day  
following his receipt of the letter, nor  
did anyone know where he had gone.  
His feelings as he had read the missive  
were chiefly amazement and sorrow,  
entirely unminged with anger at the  
writer, for he had never analyzed his  
sentiment toward the schoolma'am,  
and he agreed with Mrs. Johnson that  
Alice Moore was far too good in every  
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money due him on his wages.

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elder's wife that although Bill Miller  
used to be a farm foreman, and is now  
a car wheel tester, he has saved up  
some money, and is sure he can earn  
enough more to make that nice girl  
comfortable. And he hopes he can  
make her happy."

It was not an easy task to secure Miss  
Moore's presence at the parsonage in  
time, but the elder did it, and he also  
saw to it that she was the first to greet  
Bill Miller as he walked up the path  
to the front door of the little parsonage,  
his clean-shaven face bearing such a  
look of hope as had long been a stranger  
to his honest features. As for the young  
woman, her face grew paler than ever  
when they met, for the meeting was a  
real surprise, but her lips grew red and  
her eyes grew deep, and brown, and ten-  
der, as Bill told her why he had gone  
away, and why he had come back again.  
Later in the day he made up with Mrs.  
Johnson, insisting that she had nothing  
to apologize for, and that good woman,  
with tears and smiles, gave her bless-  
ing on a certain ceremony which it was  
arranged should take place on the next  
day week.

Should you ever visit Mercerville you  
may see Bill himself if you care to. He  
was one of the first to take up the sec-  
ond and sounder boom movement in  
that thriving county seat, and his real  
estate office is, by far, the most impor-  
tant one there. Mrs. Miller and Mrs.  
Johnson are great friends and the min-  
ister is now the pastor of the largest  
church in the town. He preaches  
every Sunday in a handsome new "ed-  
ifice" put up with Bill's money mostly.  
In the midst of what was a few years  
ago known as "Miller's division" of the  
newly opened suburban district.

Republicans Elect Kyle.  
Pierre, S. D., Feb. 18.—In the ballot  
for United States senate today, the Re-  
publicans voted solidly for Kyle and with  
the few Populists who stood by him, gave  
him 65 votes, three more than necessary  
to elect.

All Angels' Church Benefit.  
This morning the sale of seats opened  
for the All Angels' church benefit which  
is to be given at the opera house next  
Monday evening. There was a big de-  
mand for seats and many were taken and  
the entertainment will doubtless have a  
large audience. Quite a party of people  
are expected from Springfield among  
whom are Bishop Seymore and wife, and  
Rev. Dr. Taylor who will occupy a box.  
Others who have bought boxes are Dr.  
and Mrs. W. M. Catto, Dr. and Mrs. Will  
Barnes, and Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Sholla-  
barger. The opera house is to be decorat-  
ed in colors appropriate to the occasion.

Colonial Tea.  
On next Monday afternoon the mem-  
bers of the Daughters of the Revolution  
will give a colonial tea at the home of  
Mrs. W. T. Wells on North Main street,  
to celebrate Washington's birthday. An  
address will be made by Miss Belle Ewing  
and a paper on Washington will be read  
by Mrs. J. K. Warren.

The codicil to the will of the late An-  
drew Lord is to the effect that each of the  
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ter of the deceased, shall receive a gold  
watch at the time they graduate from any  
high school, each watch to be of the same  
value.

Supervisor George W. Stoy was able to  
come up town yesterday from his home in  
Riverside Place for the first time since Nov.  
7 on which day he fell, and sprained his  
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pelled to use crutches for many weeks yet.

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Chester Hane went to Marion this  
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The Vandalla pay car was in the city  
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The Gilman Library Association has  
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## WORKING FOR TRADE....

Yes, that is what we are doing---Giving Exceptional  
Values in all kinds of Dry Goods Shoes and Cloaks!  
**PRICES TO REDUCE STOCK**  
Will be the Draw Card This Week.

**Kid Gloves at 98c.**  
About 25 dozen of Ladies' Kid Gloves,  
(Tans, Browns, Slaters, Blues and  
Reds,) that have sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75,  
on sale at 98c pair.

**Dress Goods at 39c.**  
About 20 pieces of Light and Dark  
Novelty Dress Goods, that have sold  
at 50c, 60c and 75c yard—now out at  
39c yard.

**White Shirts at 48c.**  
10 dozen Men's Laundered White Shirts,  
(sizes 14, 15½, 16, 16½, 17), that are  
slightly soiled, and have sold at \$1.00,  
and \$1.25, now cut to 48c.

25 dozen Men's fine Unlaundered White  
Shirts, worth 75c, at 48c.

**MEN'S FLANNEL OUTSIDE SHIRTS**  
worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, now at 50c.

**LADIES' FINE SHOES.** the \$2.00  
kind at \$1.50 pair.

One lot \$1.50 and \$1.75 Ladies' Shoes  
out at 98c pair.

**BOYS' PERCALE WAISTS.** the 50c  
kind at 25c.

**CHILDREN'S TAM O'SHANTER**  
CAPS at 19c.

**WINDOW SHADES,** 40c kind 25c; 25c  
kind at 16c.

**DRESSER SCARFS,** 50c and 65c kind  
at 39c each.

**JACKETS AND CAPES** go at  
about Half Price this week.

**AT JOHNSTON'S...** 151 N. Water  
Street.

## New Hats! FOR SPRING.

Just Received.

## See the New CUBAN FLAT, The Latest.

## NEW LINE OF SPRING SHIRTS.

## B. STINE CLOTHING CO.,

245-249 NORTH WATER ST.  
NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

## CORSETS...

Now is the time to buy a  
Perfect Fitting CORSET...

I CARRY FULL LINE

Warner's, Thompson's Glove-Fitting, R and G,  
Flexo Girdle, P. D. Jackson Corset Waist.

A dress form Corset in black, white and summer for \$1.00  
For a cheap Corset try my 50c.

**H. C. Anthony**  
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Great Inducements to purchasers. Cost  
lost sight of. Will divide the value of  
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Now 108 East Prairie Street.  
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FOUR=C  
ANNIHILATES  
LA GRIPPE.



## GOT A COLD?

Try Phelps'  
Four=C  
Cough  
Remedy.

WE GUARANTEE 4-C TO GIVE ABSOLUTE SATIS-  
FACTION IN GRIP, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, COUGH,  
COUGHS AND COLDS.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbard

### VANDALIA LINE EXCURSIONS.

The Vandalia-Pennsylvania direct line to  
Washington, D. C. Reduced rates to the inau-  
guration March 1, 2 and 3. Leaves Decatur at  
8 a. m. arrives at Washington 1:25 a. m.—only  
one night out—25¢ hours.  
Mardi Gras at New Orleans, March 1 and 2.  
1897. Announcement of reduced rates on this  
occasion will be made in due season.  
Tour of all Mexico via the Central route, under  
the auspices of the American Tourist Associa-  
tion, will leave Chicago Feb. 27, 1897. Tickets  
include all expenses, railway, sleeping and  
dining car fares, hotels, carriages, etc.  
California via New Orleans. Pullman buffet  
sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from  
Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's  
"Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San  
Francisco. Pullman tourist sleeper every Wed-  
nesday, through without change from Chicago  
to San Francisco.  
On the first and third Tuesdays of each  
month settlers' one-way tickets to points south  
at very low rates.  
Winter tourist rates now on to points south,  
southwest and southeast.  
Winter tourist tickets are now on sale to the  
principal winter resorts in the south and south-  
east.  
Homeseekers' excursions to principal points  
in the west, southwest, south and southeast, on  
the first and third Tuesday of every month, at  
one fare plus 10¢ round trip. Tickets good re-  
turning every Tuesday and Friday within three  
weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.  
To Indianapolis, Ind., on account department  
of Superintendents of National Educational  
Association, Feb. 12, 13, 14, 15.  
For rates, time of trains, etc., address J. C.  
Mills, agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill.  
Telephone 67.

### RUG WEAVING.

Ladies, bring your old Ingrain or  
Brussels Carpets to Charles Pfister's  
Carpet and Rug Factory and have them  
woven into nice rugs. We also weave  
Rag Rugs. Call and see what they look  
like. We also weave and sell Rag and  
Yarn Carpets.

CHAS. PFISTER,  
South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

### P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P.,  
D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good re-  
turning on day of sale.  
Winter tourist rates now on to points south,  
southwest and southeast.  
One-way tourist rates to points south every  
first and third Tuesday of each month. Very  
low.  
Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Ne-  
braska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with  
the Great Northern for Minneapolis, St. Paul,  
Chicago and other points; at Evansville for all South-  
western and Florida points.  
City ticket office removed from 110 Liberty  
street to 121 East William street, directly across  
the street. New phone No. 26; Old, No. 50;  
Union Depot phone No. 47, New.  
Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot,  
or T. Penwell, 121 East William street.

### PIANO DECORATION.

Nowadays No Instrument Is Placed  
Against the Wall.

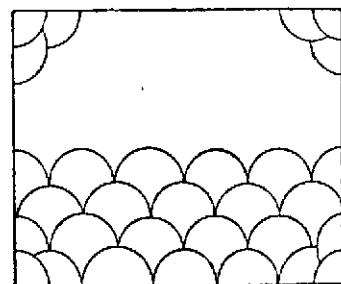
The piano is now usually considered  
one of the most effective and artistic  
pieces of furniture in the drawing  
room; let us hope the times have gone  
forever when it was placed firmly  
against a wall with the inevitable shade  
of wax flowers in the center, flanked  
by solid looking books on either side.  
It may be placed across a corner or be  
standing out into the room according  
to the taste and pleasure of its owner.  
If placed cornerwise it will require no  
drapery at the back, and a landscape  
painted on the wall, but it must be re-  
membered that a piano, cutting off one  
of the corners in this way, will detract  
from the apparent size of the room.  
The plan most in vogue at the present  
day is to place it out in the room with  
a clear space right around it, and then  
the question arises how to make the  
decidedly ugly back of the piano show  
to advantage under its changed condi-  
tions. This may be brought about in  
various ways. A piece of canvas may  
be fastened on to the back and a land-  
scape painted on it, or a study of flow-  
ers. This must be prettily draped with  
silk, edged with handsome fringe, the  
silk being arranged in graceful curves  
at the top of the piano and down the  
side, where it may be caught in with  
a silk cord and tassel; the color of the  
silk will naturally be decided by the  
prevailing tones of the room. Some  
people, however, do not care for paint-  
ings on piano backs, but prefer to have  
them entirely covered with drapery.  
This may be managed by pulling a  
light strip of wood to each end, and  
in the center of the woodwork at the  
top of the piano; this holds the weight  
of the drapery, which is fastened to it  
with tiny tin tacks. Oriental stuffs  
and embroideries look very handsome  
utilized in this manner; and a still more  
beautiful effect may be obtained by  
sewing numberless tiny sequins on the  
material, causing it to glitter and  
sparkle in the fire or lamp light. Plush  
and velvet are also often used as drap-  
eries, and make most beautiful ones;  
soft silk is equally satisfactory. Small  
knick-knacks and ornaments should  
not find a resting place on the top of  
the piano, neither should books be  
placed on it, or anything that will jingle  
when the instrument is in use. A small  
silver lamp looks well in the center  
and throws down a good light on the  
music, and a photograph or view may  
be placed on each side. A pretty cover  
should be made for the top to save it  
from unnecessary scratching. The  
keys must always be kept white and  
polished and never allowed to become  
yellow.—Chicago Tribune.

### AN OUTLINE QUILT.

New Design That Is Sure to Be Ad-  
mired When Neatly Made.

A particularly handsome quilt was  
recently made by the women of a lead-  
ing church society in one of our large  
cities, and met with so hearty an ap-  
proval, and was so greatly admired,  
that a large number were finished and  
sold at \$12 each. The blocks were of  
Lonsdale cambric. In some of the  
quilt nine blocks were used, and in  
others 25. The blocks were longer than  
wide, and their size was calculated ac-  
cording to the size of the bed, whether  
single, double or three-quarters size.  
For a double bed of ordinary width,  
in which nine blocks are used, each  
block should be stamped with a de-  
sign to be outlined. Some may be of  
figures, some of flowers, and others in  
conventional patterns, but all are to be  
of a bold, open pattern, which will  
prove much more effective when made  
up than a fine or intrinsic pattern  
would. Four of these patterns should  
be alike, and these four used for the  
corner blocks. The designs are next  
outlined in some delicate color, pale  
pink, pale blue or yellow, but all the  
outlining is done with one shade. Wash  
silk or linen is used, as preferred, the  
linen, of course, proving less expen-  
sive than the silk.

The blocks are next laundered and  
carefully pressed. They are now ready  
to be set together, and for this purpose



PRETTY OUTLINE QUILT.

strips of sateen are used of the exact  
shade of the silk or linen employed in  
outlining. The strips of sateen are  
three inches wide, and when the whole  
is pieced the blocks have the appear-  
ance of being set together with ribbon.  
A strip of sateen, the same width, is  
set all around the edge after the blocks  
are pieced, and a second band is added  
of Lonsdale. This latter is worked with  
a running border in outline.

The cover is now ready to be lined  
and quilted. The lining is of plain Lons-  
dale, and the edge is bound with the  
same. The quilting is done in what is  
known as shell stitch. A group of  
shells is marked in each corner, then a  
row of shells is started across one side  
and carried across the whole remain-  
ing surface of the quilt. When 20  
blocks are used instead of nine, the de-  
sign on each is of course smaller, and  
the bands with which the blocks are  
set together are narrower. Otherwise  
the directions given apply to this as  
well as to the quilt of nine blocks.

The accompanying illustration shows  
the arrangement of the shells in quil-  
ting. The half circles are the size of  
an ordinary teacup.—American Agri-  
culturist.

Belts of biased satin are sometimes  
gathered at intervals up and down and  
the stitches covered with jet sequins.

### NEW TENNESSEE INDUSTRY.

Vinegar Spring Will Be Used for  
Pickling Purposes.

A new enterprise is being promoted  
in Albion county, Tennessee, which will  
be one of the most wonderful in the  
world, says the Memphis Commercial  
Appeal. It comes with the discovery of  
a vinegar spring on the famous Reel-  
foot lake by Pete Bennett, of Paducah,  
Ky., while on a hunting expedition.  
This was probably six months ago  
and Mr. Bennett, seeing the vast possi-  
bilities in such a spring, kept the mat-  
ter a profound secret until he could get  
sufficient capital interested in order to  
make its development assured. He was  
successful in securing the aid of a mul-  
timillionaire of London and the organi-  
zation of the company is complete.

It is proposed by this company that  
they make a garden spot of several thou-  
sand acres of the fine land that sur-  
rounds this spring and plant the whole  
of it in cucumbers. The vines will be  
trained to run in trenches between the  
rows of hills and when about half  
grown by means of irrigation the vine-  
gar from this spring will be turned  
through the trenches and kept on the  
vines until the cucumbers are grown,  
when it will be turned off and the finest  
of the pickles will be gathered and bar-  
reled for shipment.

The company will then buy 5,000 head  
of hogs to eat the pickles refused for  
shipment and to waste in the vinegar  
marsh, so that at time of slaughter they  
will not only ship bacon, shoulders,  
ham, etc., but can fill all orders for  
pickled pigs' feet on short notice. They  
will sell vinegar only in five barrel lots.

### A VANISHED CIVILIZATION.

The Work Done by the Jesuits in  
South America.

The pioneers of civilization in South  
America were the Jesuits, says Lippin-  
cott's. Although their influence in many  
respects may not always have been  
what was most conducive to the pros-  
perity of the new settlement, yet their  
mode of treating the natives was more  
humane and their plan for the develop-  
ment and progress of the country more  
advanced than any other attempts of  
that period. They sought to establish  
a wealth and splendor that would equal  
that of the old world, and their work  
was characterized by prudence, indus-  
try and wisdom. Other settlers came  
only as fortune-hunting adventurers to  
enslave the natives, pillage the coun-  
try and then return to their own land  
with ill-gotten gains.

Monuments of the Jesuits still remain  
in churches, aqueducts, cities in ruins  
and the history of a hundred prosperous  
missions: from the Amazon to Brazil's  
southern borders we see their signs.  
The aqueduct of Rio de Janeiro, the  
hundred churches of Bahia, the stone  
water dams on the rivers of Goyaz, the  
crumbling ruins of almost every state  
of Brazil tell of the Jesuit occupation.  
Other settlers of that period left almost  
nothing behind them; their mission  
was to destroy, tear down and drive out  
the only element of good the country  
had, that they might establish the reign  
of terror, slavery and rapine that cursed  
the country so long.

### A TOUGH MUSHROOM.

An Experience the Elder Dumas Had  
with a German Innkeeper.

While travelling in Switzerland the  
elder Dumas one day arrived in a lonely  
village with only one inn, at which the  
famous novelist was compelled to put  
up for the night, says the Boston Trav-  
eler.

When the landlord, who only spoke  
German, came to inquire what he would  
take for supper, Dumas tried, but in  
vain, to make him understand that he  
wanted some mushrooms, and was on  
the point of giving up with a bad grace  
all hope of enjoying his favorite dish,  
when he hit upon the idea of taking a  
piece of charcoal and tracing on the  
wall what purported to be the correct  
outline of a mushroom.

The landlord went out, and Dumas  
was congratulating himself on the suc-  
cess of his happy expedient, when a few  
moments afterward he heard the Swiss  
coming up the stairs. The mushrooms  
could hardly have been prepared in so  
short a time, but this thought did not  
occur to our great novelist.

The footsteps came nearer, there was  
a knock, and in walked the landlord—  
with an umbrella!

### Triumph of the Wheel.

The final triumph of the wheel will  
come when it has divorced the Arab  
from his steed of poetry and romance  
—his "stallion shod with fire." The  
Paris papers print news from the  
French Soudan to the effect that the  
bicycle is making its way there, and  
that it has impressed the natives more  
than any other article imported into  
that country from Europe. The Mo-  
hammedan member of the French  
chamber of deputies was interviewed  
about the matter and said that the  
Koran had nothing to say against the  
wheel, as the prophet had not foreseen  
its invention; but he did not think  
the Arabs would ever dream of for-  
saking their fine horses for it.

### A Graceful Act.

A Paris lady, strictly guarding her  
anonymity, learning that there were  
young men belonging to the Ecole des  
Beaux Arts, distinguished for their pro-  
ficiency, but who were without means,  
has had a house furnished in one of  
the most picturesque parts of France,  
where, without cost, a certain number  
of artists may spend their summers and  
study.

### Joke on a Schoolma'am.

A good joke on a schoolma'am comes  
from Cumberland Gap, and is told by  
the Middleborough News. A lady  
teacher told one of the boys to notice  
all the presidents, and when he remem-  
bered he couldn't, she said: "When  
I was as old as you I could name all  
the presidents in their order." The boy  
replied: "There was only a few presi-  
dents then."

# IT IS— No Trouble...

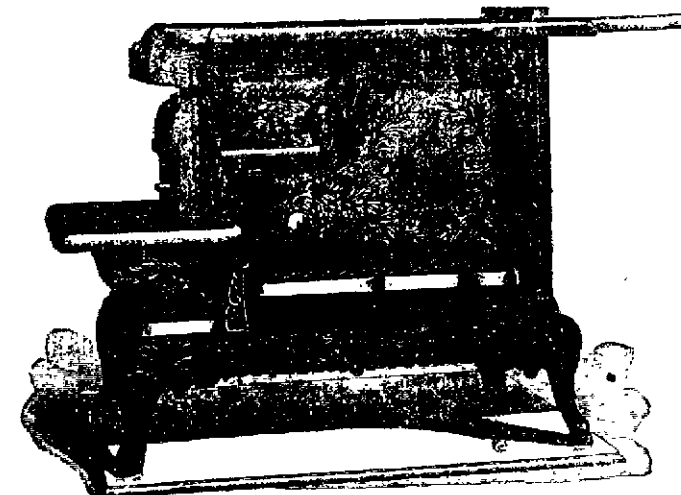
## To Sell Goods at a Loss.

That is what we are doing,  
but sell we must and sell  
we will. We want money  
bad enough to sell goods at  
a loss. We mean to make  
a clean sweep of it. Talk is  
cheap but come and get our  
prices, and then you can tell  
what is what. Never did  
the people of Decatur get a  
chance to buy good goods at  
such prices before, so

## CAPTURE THE BARGAINS.

# CHEAP CHARLEY,

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OUR \$15.00 COOK STOVE.

1,500 of them in use in Decatur and vicinity and every one of them  
satisfactory. This stove has all the latest improvements. Fire-lined Oven Door,  
Oven Door Shelf, Back and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod  
Heavy Loose Base—in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for \$5.00  
more money. Remember, every stove fully warranted.

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# BULL'S Cough Syrup

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Cures Cough, Cold, Croup, Whooping-Cough,  
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DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is sold everywhere  
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style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault  
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### WILD CATTLE.

Terrorizing the Jungles Near Har-  
ford in Connecticut.

The east has its "Mavericks" as well  
as the west, but very likely not so many.  
Since the cold storm, and especially  
since the big snowstorm, the humane  
society has had complaints of unclaimed  
cattle roaming about in the woods of  
the neighboring towns, reports the  
Hartford (Conn.) Courier. Near the  
reservoir in West Hartford and Farm-  
ington three yearling heifers have been  
reported in a half-starved condition and  
so wild that it was almost impossible  
to get near them. One was reported  
near Pipe swamp in Windsor and Gen-  
eral Agent Dwight W. Thrall, of the  
society detailed a man to go up there  
and shoot the animal. This was done,  
the heifer being killed instantly with  
the first shot after getting within reason-  
able distance.

The probabilities are that these ani-  
mals are strays from some pasture dur-  
ing the summer season and have been  
given up for lost. During the early win-  
ter, before the ground is covered with  
snow, they manage to pick up enough  
to eat by picking away in sheltered  
places at the little remaining vegeta-  
tion and keep warm by seeking the  
deep thickets of woods, notably pine or  
hemlock, where the fallen leaves make  
a comfortable bed. When the snow  
comes, however, they wander from the  
settlements, hoping for something to  
eat. They seldom come within reach  
of aid, and if they are not shot they die  
of starvation.

### DESCRIPTION OF A DOLMEN.

Structures Found in India, Palestine,  
Persia and Peru.

On the continent the term dolmen is  
almost universally applied to the whole  
construction, including the covering,  
mound or cairn, says Hutchinson's Pre-  
historic Man and Beast. Thus French  
and other writers speak of a chambered  
mound or tumulus as a dolmen. But  
since it is probable that some never were  
covered up, it seems better to make a  
distinction, as we do in this country.  
In France there are said to be about  
4,000 dolmens, many of which would in  
England be called chambered tumuli.  
The Indian dolmens, which are not  
covered up, resemble those of western  
Europe. Capt. Meadows Taylor exam-  
ined a large number in India and ob-  
tained particulars of no less than 2,129  
in the Dekkan. About half of them had  
an opening on one side, probably for the  
free entrance or exit of the soul (as peo-  
ple thought then), just as in the  
Egyptian pyramid there was a passage  
to the chamber containing the mummy.  
With regard to the distribution of these  
structures, it is said that none is to be  
found in eastern Europe beyond Sax-  
ony. They reappear in the Crimea and  
Circassia, whence they have been traced  
through Central Asia to India. They  
have also been noticed by travelers in  
Palestine, Arabia, Persia, Australia, the  
Penthrin islands, Madagascar and Peru.

### LACK OF COURTESY.

Men Who Travel Are Not Accommo-  
dating to Women.

"I am sorry to have to say it," re-  
marked a sleeping car conductor to a  
Washington Star reporter, "but some-  
how—and I have no explanation for it—  
men traveling are not as courteous and  
accommodating to lady travelers as  
they should be. The men who ask for  
all kinds of accommodations when they  
have their wives, sisters or female rela-  
tives traveling with them—and they  
never fail then to claim everything in  
sight—are in many cases the men who  
decline to give similar favors to other  
lady passengers. As a matter of fact  
the upper berth in a sleeping car are  
the best, the best ventilated, and I think  
experience has shown the safest in  
cases of wreck. Still, the demand is  
nearly always for the lower berths, be-  
cause it is easier to get into them. This  
is particularly so with lady travelers.  
In my last half dozen trips from and  
back to the city I have had more than  
the usual percentage of lady passengers,  
and I have not succeeded in one case in  
getting any of the men travelers to sur-  
render a lower berth for an upper berth.  
The men being more experienced, re-  
served the lower berths and refused to  
give them up."

### A STRANGE CASE.

Woman in Ireland Who Changes  
Color Every Year.

A remarkable freak of nature is oc-  
casionally seen on the streets of Clough-  
Mac-Nal, Ireland, in the shape of a  
woman who was born black in Jamaica  
about 45 years ago. The woman, ac-  
cording to the Cincinnati Enquirer,  
says that she remained with the char-  
acteristic negro color to her skin until  
she was 22 years of age, when she began  
rapidly turning white, the complete  
transformation being made in less than  
three months.

She remained white for about a year  
and then turned black again, but more  
slowly than the white transformation  
had come upon her. When this second  
change in skin color took place she was  
sure that she had returned to her origi-  
nal color, and would remain that way  
during the balance of her life, but she  
was only a few short months until she  
was again as white as an Albino. Since  
that time the changes have year-  
taken place, the woman being black  
one summer and white the next. She  
suffers no pain whatever.

### Remarkable Power of Touch.

Sir William Hamilton mentions  
tailor, whose name he does not give,  
who was blind from birth, and yid  
by the sense of touch alone, could dis-  
tinguish the patterns of Scotch plaids  
used in the kilts of the Highland co-  
tumes, matching the cloth with all its  
exactness that might be expected  
one having perfect vision.

### Where Wheat Won't Grow.

Wheat will not grow in a coun-  
try the mean temperature of which is  
low 57 degrees.







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An Elegant Assortment in all  
kinds of Leather, Alligator, Seal,  
Calf, Levant, Monkey.

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## FIT YOUR FEET

With a pair of our  
New Spring Style Shoes

We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date Shoes to select from that we can give you size without any trouble in any style which you may select. We will continue the sale on Broken Lots which we have been advertising until every pair is sold. Remember these goods are all new, fresh goods, and include such goods as HANAN & SONS.

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in the State  
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Are not pleasant, but you'll get them every time you use a poor toothbrush.

GET A BRUSH that is built right—costs a little more, but gives satisfaction.

Try our 25c Brush.

KING'S DRUG STORE.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are requested to announce J. C. HANNA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce P. B. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BURNETT as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F. EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce LARRY H. MARVIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

### SOCIETY MEETINGS.

RATHBONE SISTERS—Regular meeting of the Sisters of the Good Will, at the R. S. at K. of P. Hall in Library Block, Thursday evening, Feb. 18, 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. SCOTT M. RICE, M. E. C. Mrs. MOLLIE W. KEELER, M. E. C.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St. Baby cough syrup at Irwin's. Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee. Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keel.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Irwin's vegetable pills cure biliousness. Smoke the famous Loda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Feb 25 tf.

Look at the ladies' \$1.75 shoes in Powers' shoe store front window.—17d-13

Irwin's Iron tonic bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

Russian corn cure gives the best satisfaction; for sale by L. N. Irwin & Co.

I dislike to fry oysters on account of rolling the crackers. Buy both oysters and cracker meal at the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.—18-13d

Seats can now be secured at the opera house drug store for the minstrel show next Monday night.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Go to W. C. Pluck, No. 109 East North street, for your spring wall paper. All new goods.—15-dtf

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We can offer the public good eating fish at 5 cents a pound, better from 10 to 12 1/2c. Luxuries from 15 to 20c. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.

The members of the Musical Culture club will hold an open meeting next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Will Hellman on West Decatur street.

Don't forget the number where it is always possible to get neat dressed poultry, turkeys, ducks, springs, fries, broilers and hens of questionable age. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.—18-28

The members of the Good Time Dancing club will give a masquerade ball next Wednesday evening at the Gebhart hall.

Don't forget that there is only six more weeks for shell oysters. Get those delicious blue points, Rockaways and bow, opened and delivered to your residence by the Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.—18-43d

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 135 East Wood street.—9-d&tf

Born.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baldridge, of 954 West Decatur street, on Feb. 18, a son.

A New Vegetable Garden.

Located in the heart of the city, 243 North Main, where you will find fresh rhubarb, mushrooms, radishes, spinach, lettuce, oyster plant, cranberries, home grown celery and California celery, new beets, water cress and parsley at Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344.—18-2t

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—Jan 29-d&tf

Ring us up and be convinced that we are the only people that can furnish fresh trout, catfish, black bass, croppie, Manito white, pickerel, bone herring, lobster, blue fish, halibut steaks, cod steaks, fresh mackerel. Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344.

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### REPUBLICAN CITY POLITICS.

City Central Committee Call City Convention for March 31.

The Republican city central committee met last night in Justice Hardy's office and decided on the date for the ward primaries and city convention. The members of the committee are C. M. Lytle, D. C. Shockley, H. K. McKiff, George W. Martin, Wm. Dodson, C. S. Hankins and Alex McIntosh, C. N. Twadell, chairman, W. F. Calhoun, secretary. The members of the committee were all present except Martin and McKiff who were respectively represented by J. P. Nicholson and R. C. Peck.

After some discussion as to the best time for holding the city convention it was finally decided to call the city convention for the evening of March 31, and the primaries for March 30th.

As to the primaries and the manner of holding them there was a difference of opinion. Some favored opening the polls at 7 o'clock in the evening and continuing the voting until all had voted or until the ward chairmen or those present decided to close the polls. Some favored opening the polls at 8 o'clock and closing them at 7 o'clock, but it was decided at last to open the polls for the primaries at 5 o'clock and close them at 8 o'clock. This arrangement it was thought would give every Republican in every ward time to vote and express his choice as to who the nominees should be. McIntosh, Shockley and Dodson were appointed a committee to have charge of the securing of a hall in which to hold the convention and also to have charge of the printing and distribution of the primary election tickets.

The basis of ward representation in the convention was fixed for one delegate for each 25 votes cast for D. C. Conklin for mayor in 1895, and one delegate for each fraction of 13 votes or over. In that election the wards voted for Conklin as follows: First, 308 votes; Second, 279 votes; Third, 308 votes; Fourth, 315 votes; Fifth, 284 votes; Sixth, 319 votes; Seventh, 192 votes.

The representation from each ward will, therefore, be as follows: First, 12 delegates; Second, 11 delegates; Third, 12 delegates; Fourth, 13 delegates; Fifth, 9 delegates; Sixth, 13 delegates; Seventh, 7 delegates. This makes a total of 77 delegates.

The primary elections will be held as follows: First ward, at a street car barn; Second ward, at Starr's wholesale harness shop; Third ward, at Doako's barn; Fourth ward, at the city council chamber; Fifth ward, at Kraft's bottling works; Sixth ward, not fixed; Seventh ward, at Hendrick's shop.

The committee decided that the vote of the primary should operate as instructions to the delegates; that any candidate for a city office receiving a majority or plurality as the case may be, of the votes cast in any ward should receive the vote of the delegates of that ward in the convention.

It was also decided that at the time for closing the polls, namely, at 8 o'clock, the voters of the ward being assembled for that purpose at the polling place for the ward shall organize a convention and nominate their candidate for alderman, select the delegates to the convention and a central committeeman and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.

These plans appear to be eminently fair to all. The time fixed for keeping open the polls affords ample opportunity for every Republican voter to express his choice for candidates on the city ticket and any Republican voter who does not do his duty by depositing his vote can have no reasonable ground for complaint no matter how good a citizen he may think himself to be.

Some may wonder why the candidates for aldermen are not voted for at the primaries the same as the candidates for city officers. The reasons are as expressed by the committee: First, the ward is a distinct political division. Second, if the aldermen were voted for in the general primary, in case there were three or more candidates, no candidate might receive a majority, and, on the assumption that the voters of a ward desire to nominate a candidate for alderman by a majority vote, there would be no nomination. These difficulties are all obviated by the assembling of the voters of the ward in convention and nominating their candidates for alderman in their own way presumably by balloting until some one receives a majority of the votes cast.

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### Personals.

—L. L. Hobbelt left yesterday for Hot Springs, Ark.

—W. Z. Wamsley was in Springfield today on business.

—Mrs. Will Hellman is ill at her home on West Decatur street.

—J. Edward Saxton left this morning on a trip to Philadelphia.

—Attorney I. A. Buckingham is in Tusculum today on business.

—H. G. Eldridge of Ganesville, Texas, is in the city visiting relatives.

—Rev. W. H. Penhalligon will go to Philo, Ill., tomorrow to deliver a lecture.

—J. R. Race came home today from Chicago where he went on business.

—Dr. L. W. Brown of Jacksonville, is in the city visiting Dr. K. J. Brown and family.

—Henry Kadigan went to St. Louis yesterday where he expects to make his home.

—Mrs. Mary Cleland of Ohio, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cleland of West Wood street.

—Dr. B. L. Maienthal was called to Terre Haute today by the sudden death of Mrs. M. Silverman.

—Mrs. D. S. Hill, who has been in the city visiting her son, Frank Hill, left today for her home in Indianapolis.

—Miss Grace Gillmore, who has been visiting in the city with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Gillmore, returned yesterday to Jacksonville to resume her studies.

—Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Quikel of Long Creek, will give their son Oscar H. and his bride a royal reception tonight. The whole wedding party and their friends besides many others have been invited.

Assignee Elwood's Final Report.

In the county court Wednesday W. H. Elwood assignee for Smith & Calkins, made his final report in Judge Hammer's court yesterday. The report shows that the receipts were as follows:

Amount received, retail sales, \$625.93; amount received on accounts, \$61.80; amount received from sale of stock, \$1949.50; total, \$2,637.23. Total disbursements, \$2628.23.

In the itemized report of disbursements it is shown that of this amount \$874.39 was paid for incidental expenses while the business was in the hands of the assignee. The balance, \$1762.84, was paid by J. B. Bullard, trustee for H. J. Calkins, to the Citizens' National bank. The assignment was made Dec. 30, in favor of H. J. Calkins, who held a judgment note for \$6135.51. The total liabilities as shown by the statement filed was \$10,620.03. The estimated assets, \$7881.95. The invoice of merchandise and fixtures made by the assignee, was about \$4700, when the assignment was made.

The report of the assignee shows that the only creditor paid in full was the Citizens' National bank, whose claim was secured. The other creditors receiving absolutely nothing.

### Wedding Bells.

The residence of Mr. R. F. McDonald near Casner was filled with about seventy-five invited guests on Wednesday evening the 17th inst., to witness the marriage of his eldest daughter, Luella, to Mr. Oscar H. Quikel. At 7 o'clock Miss Nellie Myro played a beautiful wedding march from Kederer to the strains of the music the bride and groom marched into the parlor where they were united in marriage by the Rev. A. M. Danely. The company bestowed upon them congratulations and good wishes enough to make them happy through life. At 8 o'clock an elegant luncheon was served, consisting of a great variety of fine fruit and delicious cake. The bride looked beautiful in a handsome golden brown brocaded silk trimmed in pink satin and chiffon. The friends left many tokens of good will in the shape of beautiful presents of great variety. The young people are from good families and personally are of sterling worth.

### Mortuary.

The following death notice refers to a cousin of Charles Morgan, Mrs. George White and Mrs. A. Gandy of Decatur: "Died of pneumonia at her home in Rockwell, Lake county, Illinois, Friday, Feb. 6, 1897, Mrs. J. E. Holcomb, aged 41 years. Mrs. Holcomb was a lady who possessed the faculty of gaining warm friends wherever she went. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband and four loving children, the youngest a bright little girl of three summers, besides other relatives and a host of friends. The funeral took place Sunday at the old homestead. Interment at Ivanhoe cemetery. To the bereaved family we extend our warmest sympathy."

### Entertained Their Friends.

Last Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson entertained a few of their friends at their home on East Prairie street. A 9 o'clock dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Wilson's birthday. After dinner there were games and music. Mrs. Wilson received quite a number of birthday presents. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Hameber, Mr. and Mrs. William Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. George Melhorn, Mrs. Frank Rehling, Mrs. Jennie Gourly, Misses Belle Reed, Sallie Shockey, Elma Waggy, Mary Wilson, and Messrs. Johnson, Chester Cox, Ira Smith, Luther Shockey, Oscar Elliott.

### THE COOK MURDER TRIAL.

Maroo People on the Witness Stand at Havana.

There was nothing sensational in the Cook murder case at Havana yesterday, aside from several spirited legal squabbles between the opposing attorneys. The first witness called was Stella Bennett, a sister of the victim of Cook's cruelty. She testified as to the condition of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Eninger, another sister, testified to the same effect. Mark Bennett, a brother, testified that his sister kept house for him at Maroo, during which time she kept company with Cook. Mr. Yenke testified to the fact of Cook's having kept company with Miss Bennett. Dr. J. M. Wilcox held a post-mortem and found that some blunt instrument had been used a great many times, apparently. R. N. Dills, Charles Dalzell, John M. Paulin, James H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burford, Miss Jessie Dibble and Miss Lou Wyaong testified to having seen Miss Bennett in Atlanta on Feb. 12, in company with Cook. It was at this time that the abortion was attempted, for complicity in which Cook is now on trial for his life.

The examination of witnesses will be continued and the case is likely to drag along through the rest of the week.

### INSTITUTE AND WEDDING.

Events at Mt. Zion on Wednesday—Workers in the Country.

The normal bible institute held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion Wednesday by George W. Miller, state worker of the Sabbath school union, was a most instructive and gratifying service. P. P. Laughlin county president of the Sabbath school union, and Rev. A. W. Hawkins of Decatur, were present. The meeting was especially notable for its earnestness and deep spirituality. Brother Miller will hold institutes in Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

Richard Travis and Miss Rachel Thompson were married at Mt. Zion yesterday at 6:30 p. m., by Rev. M. C. Cockrum, pastor of the C. P. church. The wedding took place at the parsonage and was a very quiet affair. Both of the young people are highly respected residents of Mt. Zion.

### Charity Store Closed.

The charity headquarters have been closed for the season. There have been very few calls during the past few days and last night the place was closed up. The charity store this year was the means of giving great assistance to the poor people. While the weather was cold there were many applications for assistance and all the poor families who were in need were given food, clothing and fuel. The records of the store show that about 475 poor families were given help.

### Musicale Entertainment.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Will Hellman gave a musicale to her friends at her home on West Decatur street. The hours were from 3 to 6 o'clock. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. D. H. Hellman. Vocal selections were given by Miss Emma Pabney, Mrs. F. P. Howard, Miss Anna Roberts and a quartet composed of Mrs. Robert Mueller, Miss Scruggs, Miss Howard and Mrs. Howard. Piano solos were given by Mrs. A. B. Alexander, Miss Beasie Young, Miss Bunn and Miss Neta Clark.

### Robert Oglesby in China.

This morning L. L. Burrows received a letter from Robert Oglesby who went to Shanghai, China, last year. He sailed from this country on a merchant vessel on August first and did not reach his destination until Jan. 7. He writes that he arrived safely and enjoyed the trip. The ocean voyage was a long one. The vessel went from this country around the Cape of Good Hope and then to China. Mr. Oglesby expects to take a trip up one of the rivers and visit the interior of the country.

### Death of a Brother.

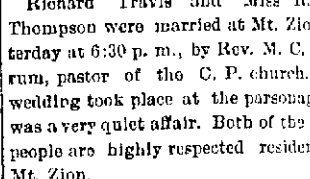
Springfield Journal: Major James A. Connolly was called from Washington last Friday to Indiana by the announcement of the death of his youngest brother, Frank Connolly. The interment was made in Mansfield, Ohio, Monday. The deceased was a bright young lawyer. For a number of years he had been paralyzed and lived in an invalid chair. Major Connolly returned to Washington Tuesday.

### HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.

West's Drug Store.

Alcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c  
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c  
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

The new Swedish Lutheran church at Peoria, a handsome structure of Bedford stone and buff brick, was dedicated last Sunday.



Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against stumps and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

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### AWFUL ACCIDENT.

Gasoline Explosion Causes Loss of Life at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—The family of Jacob Ciclex was almost completely wiped out this morning by the explosion of a gasoline lamp. Eight persons were burned and five will probably die. Ciclex and wife and three of their children are the worst sufferers. The fourth child with Albert Jerno and Joseph Jerga, boarders, were badly burned. Ciclex rose early to light the fire and mistook the gasoline lamp for kerosene. The explosion followed application of the match.

### FIVE PERSONS WILL SURELY DIE.

Jacob Ciclex Made a Serious Mistake in Making a Fire—Panic in a School House in Boston.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—It is definitely settled this morning by the explosion of a gasoline lamp. Hanna announced this morning he had determined to remain in Ohio. He will contest in the legislature next winter for the full term in the United States senate. In fact, Hanna's supporters have already organized his campaign.

### MARK HANNA'S PLANS.

He Will Stay at Home and Get Ready for the Senatorial Contest.

Cleveland, Feb. 19.—It is definitely settled that M. A. Hanna will not go into McKinley's cabinet. Hanna announced this morning he had determined to remain in Ohio. He will contest in the legislature next winter for the full term in the United States senate. In fact, Hanna's supporters have already organized his campaign.

Hon. John Grant, member of the national Republican committee from Texas, was a caller at the office of Mr. Hanna and was in conference for some time with the national chairman. It is understood that Mr. Grant is here in the interest of his candidacy for a cabinet position.

Hon. Sam P. Snyder, of Minneapolis, Minn., was also among those who conferred with Mr. Hanna during the day.

Mr. Grant said he had nothing to do with the efforts to have McKinley appoint him to the cabinet, his friends having acted without consulting him. He said that his business with Mr. Hanna was only in regard to the affairs of the national committee, of which both are members. Mr. Grant is a member of the inauguration reception committee, and came north for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of the position.

Senator Warner Miller visited Mr. Hanna today.

M. N. Garland, grand master workman of the Amalgamated association of iron and steel workers, was a visitor at Mr. Hanna's office. He declares that his mission was not of a political nature, but connected with the affairs of the association.

Other callers upon Mr. Hanna were Governor Lyon of Newark, Ohio, and Colonel J. H. Brigham of Delaware, Ohio.

Mr. Hanna announced that Major McKinley would not come to Cleveland this week, as expected.

"The president-elect," said Mr. Hanna, "has decided not to leave Canton on March 2, when he starts for Washington. He will devote his time now to recuperating and will see but few visitors."

Mr. Hanna will leave for Washington on Feb. 25, and will occupy apartments at the Arlington. The Hanna will have a private car.

### CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARMERS.

The Institute at Taylorville—Paper discussed at the Meeting.

Taylorville, Ill., Feb. 19.—The second day of the Christian county farmers' institute showed undiminished attendance and interest. Chairman Harry Grady of Morrisville, spoke on "How Best to Restore and Maintain the Fertility of Soil." Thornton Hunter and George Large, of Taylorville, also discussed the subject. C. A. Shanley of Chicago, an aging editor of the Orange Judd Farm, delivered an address on "Weeds." Harrison of Morrisville, an experienced fruit grower, read a paper on "Fruit Culture as an Aid to Health and a Means of Profit on the Farm." "What Our Average Farmer Do to Better His Condition" was the subject of general discussion. Fred Grundy of Morrisville, a paper on "The Importance of Raising." Music was furnished by Taylorville Ladies' quartet and the Morrisville Male quartet. Miss Maude of Taylorville, recited.

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